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Dulles Urges Schools To Study Communism

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Allen W. Dulles, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), has urged high school principals to try to find a place in the crowded curriculum "for teaching the hard facts about Communist programs to undermine our freedoms and our way of life."

"We are now facing revolutionary and evolutionary explosions worldwide," Mr. Dulles said. "The basic facts about these movements should be taught early in an educational career as a critical element of the teaching of history."

Mr. Dulles told the National Association of Secondary School Principals in a speech Wednesday:

"Without using McCarthyite tactics, without name-calling or spook hunting in our midst, but by education in the hard facts of communism's past history, and of its present subversive and perverse tactics, we should prepare an understanding and alerted nation to do its part to contain and eventually confound it."

Mr. Dulles noted that history books "are full of the facts about Greece and Rome in ancient times, about the Dark Ages, the Renaissance, the campaigns of Napoleon and the events of two world wars. . . ."

"This is as it should be," he said. "But 'equal time' should also be given to the analysis of the program that the Marxist-Leninism movement is preparing for us."

"This is not teaching communism as so many seemed to fear a few years ago. It is helping to educate and prepare us to deal with it."

United States high schools have been reluctant until recently to offer courses about communism. Part of the reluctance was due to concern the public would misunderstand, part to a dearth of suitable course material.

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